

REMARKS

Claims 24-27, 29-34, 37-41, 52 and 54-58 are pending. Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 29-31, 34, 39-41 and 54-58 and the indication of allowable subject matter with respect to claims 25, 32, 33, 37, 38 and 52. The Examiner rejected claims 24, 26 and 27 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 3, 23 and 24 of commonly-owned U.S. Patent No. 7,015,388. Without prejudice, Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer. Accordingly, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

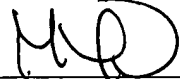
Applicants note that a supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed on April 5, 2006. The present Office Action does not reflect that the Examiner considered the supplemental IDS. Applicants herewith submit a copy of the supplemental IDS filed on April 5, 2006, a copy of the submitted references and a copy of a stamped postcard showing receipt of the supplemental IDS by the USPTO. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the supplemental IDS.

If, for any reason, the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 892-5630 to discuss any steps necessary to place the application in condition for allowance.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing Docket No. 393032003810.

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